



THE CARDIAC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Lead Extraction - Appeals Process

Medical practitioners, whether certified for extraction of chronically implanted pacing and defibrillator leads or not, shall have a right of appeal against the decisions of the Advisory Committee.

Appeals shall be required to be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, no later than 3 months after the date of a decision by the Advisory Committee.

Appeals shall be required to clearly demonstrate the grounds for appeal as being default of due process or misapplication of criteria. Neither the Advisory Committee nor the CSANZ can respond to appeals against establishment of the Advisory Committee, its principles or the Register, as these are requirements of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Appeals shall initially be reviewed by the Advisory Committee, which shall respond in writing to the appellant within 1 calendar month of receipt of the appeal, in so far as is possible for the Committee to do so.

If, following receipt of the Committee's determination of the appeal, the appellant wishes to further appeal the Committee's determination, then a further written appeal must be lodged with Secretary of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand within two calendar months of the date of the Committee's determination.

Upon receipt of such a further appeal, a Certification Appeals Panel shall be convened to review that appeal. The Appeals Panel shall include the Chair of the Lead Extraction Advisory Committee, the Chair of the Continuing Education and Recertification Committee of the CSANZ and one other member of Council of the CSANZ, who is not engaged in electrophysiology or pacing practice.

The Certification Appeals Panel shall provide its determination to the appellant within one month of receipt of the appeal, in so far as it is possible for the Panel to do so. The determination of the Certification Appeals Panel shall be final.